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Appendix L: NASA Threatcon Actions

1.1. THREAT CONDITION (THREATCON) GREEN Minimum Actions:

1.1.1. Definition: Low risk of terrorist activity.

1.1.2. Threat condition GREEN employs everyday, routine security measures determined by the CCS and endorsed by the Center Director as being appropriate for the optimum protection of NASA assets at that Center.

1.1.3. The program shall include antiterrorism measures such as ID checks for entry, enforcing NASA policy on the wearing and display of the NASA photo-ID badge, random vehicle inspections, consistent and current mandatory security training, exercising emergency response capability; to include response to increase in threat condition, periodic security assessments of individual Centers and facilities to ensure all reasonable measures are taken to mitigate vulnerabilities.

1.2. THREATCON BLUE Minimum Required Actions:

1.2.1. Definition: General Risk of Terrorist activity.

1.2.2. Advise continuously all employees of the condition, through training, briefings, and other mediums;

1.2.3. Increase general security awareness, through training, briefings, and other

mediums;

- 1.2.4. Secure buildings, rooms, and storage areas not in regular use;
- 1.2.5. Increase security inspections of packages;
- 1.2.6. Check all deliveries at mailrooms and shipping and receiving departments;
- 1.2.7. Periodically test emergency communications capability with command locations;
- 1.2.8. Review and update emergency response plans, as appropriate;
- 1.2.9. Keep Center personnel updated, as appropriate.

1.3. THREATCON YELLOW Minimum Required Actions:

- 1.3.1. Definition: Significant risk of terrorist activity.
- 1.3.2. Continue all THREATCON BLUE measures;
- 1.3.3. Conduct random vehicle and package inspections;
- 1.3.4. Monitor visitors, as appropriate;
- 1.3.5. Curtail special events and visitors, as appropriate;
- 1.3.6. Increase surveillance of critical locations;
- 1.3.7. Coordinate with local law enforcement and emergency response agencies, as required;
- 1.3.8. Assess the threat characteristics for further refinement of established/planned protective measures;
- 1.3.9. Review and implement as necessary contingency, COOP, and emergency response plans.

1.4 THREATCON ORANGE Required Actions:

- 1.4.1. Definition: High risk of terrorist activity.
- 1.4.2. Continue all THREATCON YELLOW measures;
- 1.4.3. Inspect all incoming packages at a centralized receiving point;
- 1.4.4. Admit only essential visitors under escort;
- 1.4.5. Establish random Center checkpoints;
- 1.4.6. Cancel special events, as appropriate;
- 1.4.7. Limit number of entry and exit points;
- 1.4.8. Perform a consent search on all entering vehicles and conduct random searches of exiting vehicles;
- 1.4.9. If necessary, cancel vacations for security personnel;
- 1.4.10. Establish additional 24-hour patrols as necessary;
- 1.4.11. Coordinate with local law enforcement agencies as appropriate.

1.5. THREATCON RED Required Actions:

- 1.5.1. Definition. Severe risk of terrorist activity.
- 1.5.2. Continue all THREATCON ORANGE measures;
- 1.5.3. Close the Center to all visitors;
- 1.5.4. Limit entry and exit to a single point;
- 1.5.5. Augment security forces as necessary to ensure adequate response capability;
- 1.5.6. Minimize all administrative journeys and visits;
- 1.5.7. Frequently check the exterior of buildings and parking areas for suspicious items and activity.

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